

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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VIA FAX (202-434-1690) AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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RE: MUR 5343

Democratic Senate Majority Fund – Non-Federal Account and Marc Farinella, as treasurer

Dear Messrs. Bauer and Svoboda:

On November 29, 2002, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients of the complaint in MUR 5338, which alleged violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"). On January 7, 2003, the Commission severed your clients from MUR 5338-and placed them in the above-referenced MUR 5343. On February 3, 2004, the Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and dismissed the complaint with respect to the Democratic Senate Majority Fund – Non-Federal Account and Marc Farinella, as treasurer, and closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information, as well as a Statement for the Record expressing the additional views of Commissioner Mason.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jack Gould or Daniel G. Pinegar, the attorneys assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures General Counsel's Report Statement for the Record